

## REMARKS

Claim 42 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 42 to 53 remain active in this application.

Claims 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 51 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by AAPA. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 42 requires, among other features, "an I/O buffer disposed between said scribe region and said core region and laterally of said bond pad relative to said core region and said scribe region". No such structure is taught or even remotely suggested by AAPA.

The allegation that figure 1 can be turned 90 degrees in the clockwise direction to achieve that which is claimed is without merit. If Fig . 1 is turned 90 degrees the above noted feature is not found in Fig. 1. This argument applies to all of the claims discussed hereinbelow wherein this feature is claimed.

Claim 43 requires, among other features, "an electrostatic discharge device disposed at least partially beneath said bond pad". No such structure is taught or suggested by AAPA either along or in the combination as claimed.

The allegation that figure 1 can be turned 90 degrees in the clockwise direction to achieve that which is claimed is without merit. If Fig . 1 is turned 90 degrees the above noted feature is not found in Fig. 1. This argument applies to all of the claims discussed hereinbelow wherein this feature is claimed.

Claim 45 requires, among other features, "an I/O buffer disposed between said scribe region and said core region and laterally of said bond pad relative to said core

region and said scribe region". No such structure is taught or suggested by AAPA either alone or in the combination as claimed.

Claim 46 requires, among other features, "an electrostatic discharge device disposed at least partially beneath said bond pad". No such structure is taught of suggested by AAPA either alone or in the combination as claimed.

Claim 48 requires, among other features, "an I/O buffer disposed between said scribe region and said core region and laterally of said bond pad relative to said core region and said scribe region". No such structure is taught of suggested by AAPA either alone or in the combination as claimed.

Claim 49 requires, among other features, "an electrostatic discharge device disposed at least partially beneath said bond pad". No such structure is taught of suggested by AAPA either alone or in the combination as claimed.

Claim 51 requires, among other features , "providing an I/O buffer disposed between said scribe region and said core region and laterally of said bond pad relative to said core region and said scribe region". No such step is taught of suggested by AAPA either alone or in the combination as claimed.

Claim 52 requires, among other features, providing a electrostatic discharge device disposed at least partially beneath said bond pad". No such step is taught of suggested by AAPA either alone or in the combination as claimed.

Claims 44, 47, 50 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

All of these claims depend from one of the claims discussed above and therefore define patentably over AAPA for at least the reasons presented above with reference to the claims for which they depend.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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